

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 27-28, 2004

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Information Item

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Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 04S-003**

The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) has requested that this proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment be noticed at the October 2004 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting and be considered for approval in December 2004. This notice is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in December 2004 or later.

MCAG requests a change of implementing agency from the Department of Transportation (Department) to MCAG on the Castle Highway project (PPNO 5264). MCAG also requests to move \$3,269,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds programmed for the Environmental (PA&ED) phase in FY 2002-03 to FY 2004-05. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends the item be placed on the consent calendar for approval at the December 2004 Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Castle Highway project (PPNO 5264) is only programmed for the PA&ED phase. The Department is the implementing agency for this project. Due to reductions in its capital outlay support budget, the Department has chosen to redirect remaining staff resources towards other more immediate needs. Since the Department is not currently working on the project, MCAG is requesting to become the implementing agency. Consistent with Commission STIP Guidelines, Department project development costs for PA&ED is programmed in the fiscal year during which environmental studies begin. When changing an implementing agency from the Department to a local agency, it is Commission policy to reprogram the unexpended funds into the year desired by the local agency. This project remains a high priority for the region and completion of the PA&ED phase for identification and securing of right of way is needed.

The PA&ED phase is currently programmed with \$3,643,000 of RIP funds in FY 2002-03. To date, \$374,000 has been expended by the Department and must remain programmed. MCAG is requesting the unexpended balance of \$3,269,000 be moved to FY 2004-05 for the PA&ED phase.

RESOLUTION:

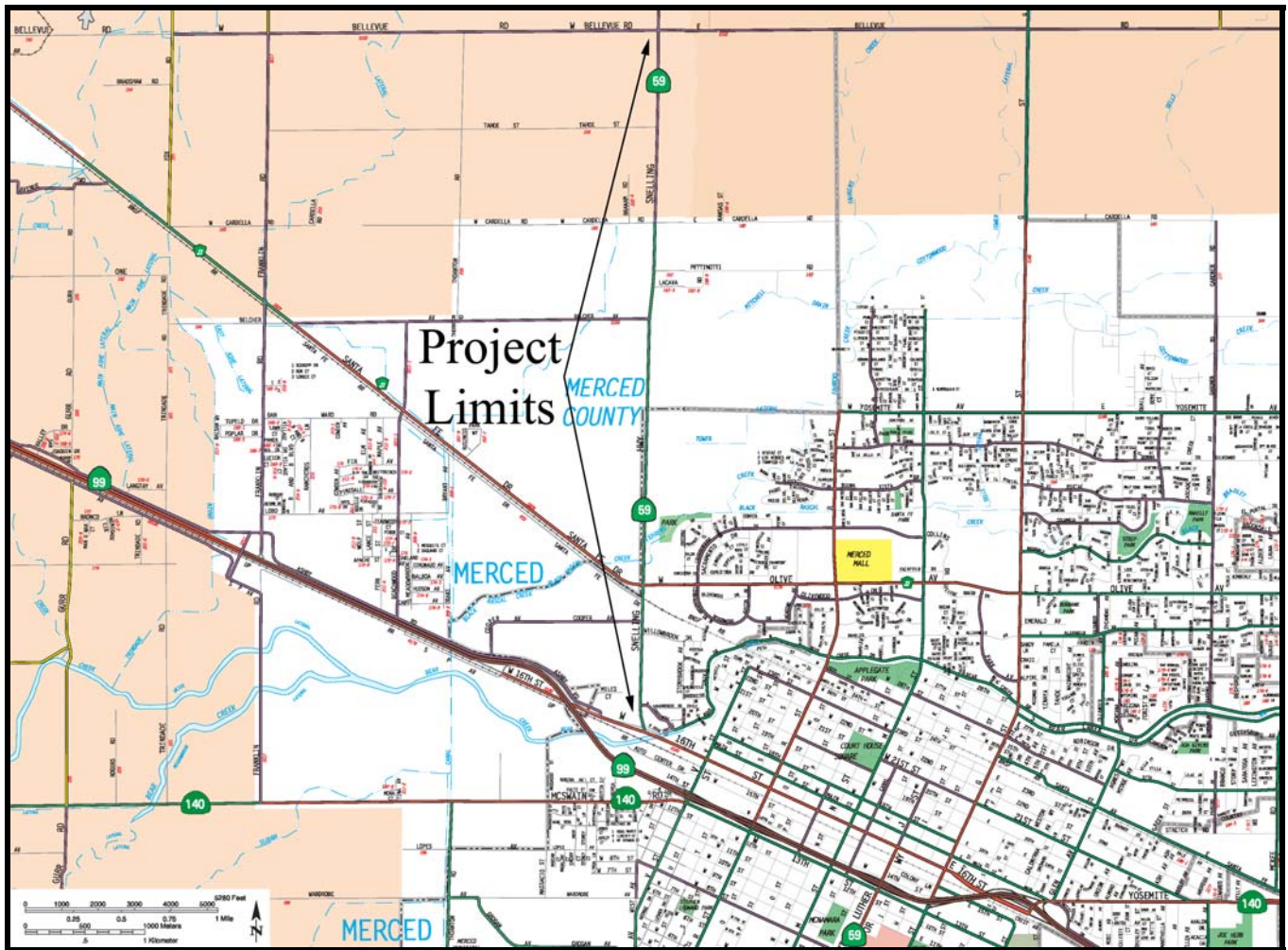
Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

Modifies:

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Merced	10	5264	0G440	CO-LCO	2014-15	R14.8	R19.0	59					
Implementing Agency: (by component)	PA&ED	Caltrans-MCAG				PS&E							
	R/W					CON							
RTPA/CTC:	Merced County Association of Governments												
Project Title:	Castle Highway												
Location	Near Merced - Route 140 to the intersection of Route 59 and Bellevue Road												
Description:	Construct 4-lane expressway												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09+	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP (Caltrans)													
Existing	3,643	3,643								3,643			
Change	(3,269)	(3,269)								(3,269)			
Proposed	374	374								374			
Future Need													
Existing	270,905						270,905	15,900	241,000		6,256	2,096	5,653
Change	0												
Proposed	270,905						270,905	15,900	241,000		6,256	2,096	5,653
RIP (MCAG)													
Existing	0		0							0			
Change	3,269		3,269							3,269			
Proposed	3,269		3,269							3,269			
Total													
Existing	274,548	3,643	0				270,905	15,900	241,000	3,643	6,256	2,096	5,653
Change	0	(3,269)	3,269				0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	274,548	374	3,269				270,905	15,900	241,000	3,643	6,256	2,096	5,653

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Location Map



10-Merced

PPNO 5264

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